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SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 01-035

TO: District Superintendents, Charter School Administrators, Business Managers & Head Teachers

FROM: Maggie Singler

DATE: April 5, 2001

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2000-2001 Increase for Composite Score

A.R.S. § 15-747, Accountability Measures or composite score, allows every eligible school district* in the state to increase its budget based on the outcome of two statewide performance indicators – student achievement and parental satisfaction. Each school district/charter school receives the same percentage increase to the base level amount. For Fiscal Year 2000 – 2001 the composite score increase for *budget capacity* is .197% or 0.00197. Equalization assistance will not increase by this percent. The \$5,000,000 appropriation will be allocated proportionately to all districts & charters receiving state aid. This will be accomplished via a reduction on the APOR/CHAR 64, June, 2001.

The "Increase for Composite Score Calculation Worksheet" is available to be downloaded in Excel format from our web site (http://www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance/Forms/CompScoreWks/FY2001_Wrksht.xls). This worksheet can be used to calculate the amount by which your district/charter may increase its budget. Please refer to your latest APOR 55-1/CHAR 55 report when completing this worksheet.

In order to receive the additional funds and/or budget capacity, your district board must revise its budget, Page 6 of 7, Line 1.d and successfully submit the revised budget. Revised budgets must be electronically submitted via web site at <http://www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance/districts/home.asp> no later than May 18, 2001.

Districts see USFR Memorandum No. 177, charter schools see USFRCS Memorandum No. 34 for specific instructions on submitting your revised budget to ADE.

If you have any questions or need additional information please do not hesitate to contact Maggie Singler at (602) 542-8244 or e-mail <mailto:msingle@ade.az.gov> or Mary Beth Reilly at (602) 542-8249 or email <mailto:mreilly@ade.az.gov>. Budget revision questions may be addressed to Barbara Hutteringer at (602) 542-8241 <mailto:bhuttin@ade.az.gov> or Dick Feight at (602) 542-8248 <mailto:rfeight@ade.az.gov>.

*Districts/Charter Schools surveyed as part of the representative sample that did not provide ADE with all required information in connection with this program may not use the composite score to adjust the base level amount. ADE will notify those districts that may not use the composite score.

cc: County Superintendents

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